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Y PRESUPUESTO

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V Conferencia de Ministros y Jefes de Planificación de América Latina y el Caribe  
V Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean  
Ve Conférence des Ministres et Chefs de Planification de L'Amérique Latine et des Caraïbes

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FIFTH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING  
OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Organization and Proposed Agenda 1/

A. At the Fourth Conference of Ministers and  
Hheads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean  
BACKGROUND (Buenos Aires, 9-10 May 1983), the Government of  
Mexico offered Mexico City as the site for the next  
Conference. This proposal was unanimously approved  
by the Plenary.

The Latin American Institute for Economic and  
Social Planning (ILPES) will serve as the Technical  
Secretariat of the Conference, and will organize it  
in co-operation with the Secretariat for Programming  
and Budget of Mexico and with the support of the  
Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of that country.  
This work falls within the scope of the regular  
programme of activities of the Conference Officer  
and the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for  
Latin America and the Caribbean. At the local level,  
the United Nations will provide support services  
through the ECLAC Office in Mexico and the UNDP  
Office.

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1/ This is an updated version of Document ST-VII/4 (Rev.1)  
distributed to the member governments in December 1984.

In accordance with the mandates of the governments, the Technical Committee of ILPES will also meet during the Conference. The Technical Committee is made up exclusively of the heads of delegation of the planning ministries and national planning agencies of the 37 member countries participating. (See Document LC/IP/R.49 CT 6/2).

Thus, the Fifth Conference will be held in Mexico City on Monday 15 April, Tuesday 16 April and the morning of Wednesday 17 April 1985. The Sixth Session of the Technical Committee of ILPES will begin on Tuesday morning, 16 April. This document contains information basically on the first of these events.

B.

DURATION

In keeping with established practice, the Conference will have a duration of two and a half days. Therefore, as was the case with the previous Conference, the relevant documentation will be distributed in advance in order that member countries may have time to send their suggestions to the Institute before April 1985.

At the same time, it is possible that the agenda of the Sixth Session of the Technical Committee will be completed in one or two meetings, with the personal attendance of the Ministers and Heads of Planning.

C.                   The Fifth Conference will once again serve as the main forum for bringing together the persons responsible for the planning and co-ordination of economic and social policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, and promoting an exchange of views among them. As regards technical matters, the Conference will take note of the work entrusted to ILPES at the previous Conference, and centred on the most recent experiences of the region in the area of planning and public policies. Emphasis will be placed on the part played by these policies in overcoming the current crisis and restoring the necessary conditions for reactivation and development.2/

AGENDA  
ITEMS

D.                   There will be three plenary meetings, in addition to the opening and closing ones. The discussions at these meetings will concentrate on the two main items on which statements may be made by delegations attending the Fifth Conference. (See page 8).

PLENARY  
SESSIONS

The two main items are the following:

- Item 1: External crisis and reactivation programmes in the 1980s.
- Item 2: Economic and social policies: the role of the State in the tasks of the future.

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2/ The Proposed Agenda follows the guidelines drawn up at the Sixth Session of the Technical Sub-Committee (Mexico City, November 1983). See document VI-ST/6.

E.                               An ad hoc working group will be organized to study in greater detail two other items that are directly related to the mandates received by the Institute, as follows:

WORKING  
GROUP

- "Centralization and decentralization in governmental decision-making".
- "Employment, income and social programmes during the second half of the decade".

A plenary meeting will be reserved for receiving and discussing the conclusions reached at the two meetings of the Working Group. Because of the limited time available for the Fifth Conference, it will be essential that this group begin meeting at the same time as the official meeting of the Sixth Technical Committee.

F.                               With respect to the 37 member countries, confirmations already received by the Institute from countries of the Central American Isthmus, the Caribbean and South America indicate that the Conference will be well attended by governmental representatives. In accordance with official recommendations, a formal invitation will be sent to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs to send observers.3/

ATTENDANCE

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3/ Recommendation N° 4 of the Final Resolution of the Sixth Session of the Technical Sub-Committee (Mexico City, 28 and 29 November 1983), ratified by ECLAC Resolution 467 (XX) (6 April 1984), paragraph 5.

As has already become traditional, it is expected that observers from certain international agencies, technical co-operation agencies and other organizations concerned with planning and development policies in the region will also attend. Special invitations may also be sent to entities of non-member countries from outside the region that are interested in the work being done by ILPES and with which the region may wish to expand the exchange of experiences regarding planning and development. The Conference will be open to observers from public agencies concerned with monetary and financial matters in the member countries.4/

G.                               The Fifth Conference will be inaugurated on Monday morning, 15 April, and will close at the end of Wednesday morning, 17 April. Nevertheless, registration of participants will take place on Sunday afternoon, 14 April, at which time documentation prepared for ad hoc distribution will be delivered. This schedule - prepared in keeping with suggestions of member governments - will enable delegations to use the preceding weekend to travel to Mexico City.

ARRIVAL OF  
DELEGATIONS

H.                               The Sixth Session of the Technical Committee of ILPES, to be attended by the heads of delegations sent by the planning ministries or national planning agencies, will be held within the context of the Fifth Conference. Since there is a possibility of

SIXTH  
SESSION OF  
THE TECHNICAL  
COMMITTEE

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4/      Recommendation N° 4 ...., op. cit.

a technical meeting being held parallel to the Sixth Session of the Technical Committee, it is recommended that, insofar as possible, countries should send at least one other person to accompany the Minister or Head of Planning.

This forum provides the opportunity for the governments to conduct an overall appraisal of the New Institutional Project of ILPES for 1984-1986,<sup>5/</sup> with emphasis on the Programme of Work for 1985.

- I.                   The local organizers suggest that all delegations stay at the Camino Real Hotel; the Mexican Government will provide transport facilities from there to the Conference site. Reservations should be confirmed as far in advance as possible. Information concerning hotel prices will be sent to participants as soon as possible.
- LODGING
- J.                   i)     Up to 4 April, any additional information may be obtained by writing to the Office of the Director General of ILPES or directly to Mr. Jorge Israel, Technical Secretary of the Conference, at the following address:
- CONTACTS
- ILPES, Vitacura 3030 - Edificio Naciones Unidas, Santiago, Chile.
- Postal address: Casilla 1567, Vitacura, Santiago, Chile.
- Cable address: UNATIONS or 240077 (Telex).
- Telephones: 485480 (Direct telephone Director General), or 485051-61, extensions 613/614.
- Santiago International Area Code: 562 + Telephone N°.

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5/     Approved unanimously at the Fifth Session of the Technical Committee (Buenos Aires, May 1983) and ratified unanimously at the Twentieth Session of ECLAC (Lima, April 1984).



ii) From 8 April, please communicate with Jorge Israel, Technical Secretary SCCOPALC or with Ernesto Carranza, staff member of the ECLAC Office in Mexico and Liaison Officer for ILPES, at:

Subsede CEPAL Mexico, Avenida Presidente Mazaryk 29, (11570), Mexico, D.F.

Postal address: Apartado Postal 6-718, 06600, Mexico, D.F.

Cable address: CEPAL

Telex: 177 10 55

Telephones: 250 15 55  
250 12 56  
250 12 31

iii) From 14 April, in addition to the address of CEPAL/Mexico, participants may get into direct touch with the Technical Secretary on the premises of the Fifth Conference:

Secretariat for Foreign Affairs (Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores)

Calle Flores Magón No. 1 - Area de Conferencias.

FIFTH CONFERENCE AND SIXTH SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:  
PROPOSED AGENDA a/  
(Mexico City, April 1985)

MONDAY 15/ <u>Morning</u>	TUESDAY 16/ <u>Morning</u>	WEDNESDAY 17/ <u>Morning</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">OPENING MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election of officers and adoption of Agenda <u>b/</u></li> <li><u>Inaugural statements</u></li> <li>- Mexico: Government</li> <li>- Argentina: Chairman SCOOPALC and Fourth Conference</li> <li>- Chairman: Elect of Fifth Conference</li> <li>- ECLAC: Executive Secretary</li> <li>- UNDP: Director, Regional Office for Latin America and Caribbean</li> <li>- ILPES: Director General</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">SIXTH SESSION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF ILPES (Heads of National Delegations) <u>c/</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>First Meeting of the Working Group</u></li> <li>Centralization and decentralization in governmental decision-making</li> <li>- Statements by delegations</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">THIRD PLENARY MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuation items 1 and 2.</li> <li>- Statements by delegations and debate</li> </ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST PLENARY MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planning and Economic Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean: Overview and Prospects/Statement by the Director General of ILPES</li> <li>- Statements by Heads of Delegations</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Meeting of the Working Group</u> (Continued)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSING MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report of the Rapporteur of the Fifth Conference</li> <li>- Decision on date and site of the Sixth Conference</li> <li>- Solemn Closing of the Fifth Conference</li> </ul>
Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Item 1:</u> The external crisis and reactivation programmes in the 1980s.</li> <li>- <u>Item 2:</u> Economic and social policies: the role of the state in the tasks of the future</li> <li>- Statements by delegations on both items.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Second Meeting of the Working Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment, income and social programmes during the second half of the decade</li> <li>- Statements by delegations</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">SECOND PLENARY MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation and discussion of conclusions of working group</li> </ul>	---

a/ Morning meetings will be held between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and afternoon meetings, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

b/ Also includes completion of registration begun on Sunday afternoon, 14 April.

c/ See separate Agenda. The Working Group will meet at the same time as the Sixth Session of the Technical Committee.



